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METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA VIRUS DISEASE BY USING THE RECOMBINANT CAPSID PROTEIN VIRUS (p26)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 21, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 26, cancel "Figure 4 shows that"; change "specific" to --Specific--.

rage 6, line 4, change "tubes or" to --tubes,--; change "followed by" to --or nitrocellus or nylon supports, after electro-or passive transference.--;

line 5, cancel in its entirety;

line 6, cancel "nitrocellulose or nylon

supports.".